

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Developmental Disability and Mental  
5 Disability Services Act is amended by adding Section 2-4.5 as  
6 follows:

7 (405 ILCS 80/2-4.5 new)

8 Sec. 2-4.5. Autism; community-based residential services;  
9 pilot program.

10 (a) Subject to appropriation, the Department of Human  
11 Services shall create a pilot program to provide  
12 community-based residential services to individuals with  
13 severe autism who are 21 years of age or older. The Department  
14 shall contract with providers of alternative residential  
15 services to persons with severe autism who would otherwise be  
16 served in an institutional setting.

17 (b) The Department shall be responsible for, but not  
18 limited to, providing the following:

19 (1) Screening of individuals with severe autism who are  
20 21 years of age or older to determine whether these  
21 individuals could be served in a residential setting at a  
22 cost that does not exceed the cost of caring for them in an  
23 institutional setting.

24 (2) Training and supports for both adults with severe  
25 autism and the staff working with those individuals.

26 (3) Vocational agricultural opportunities for those  
27 individuals placed at the designated community-based  
28 setting.

29 (c) The Department shall adopt rules to implement this  
30 Section.

31 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
32 becoming law.